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■ REMEMBRANCE DAY: Record attendance at ceremony

### 'The true heroes are the ones who didn't return'

ALLAN BENNER InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - It might have been the warm sunny day, or maybe the extra efforts put into promoting last Sunday's Remembrance Day ceremony at H. H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

But members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 hadn't seen that many people gathering for the annual ceremony before.

Legion member Bob Saracino said last year more than 300 people took part in the solemn service. But Sunday, as he watched

dozens of more people walking along the path to the cenotaph as the ceremony was about to begin, Saracino wondered if they'd break an attendance record.

"They're still coming in. This year I believe we'll have 500 people," he said.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo Margaret Wagner, the grandmother of Cpl. Tyler Crooks, carries a wreath in memory of the fallen soldier to the cenotaph at H. H. Knoll Lakeview Park during Sunday's Remembrance Day ceremony.















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## upfront



**■ CEREMONY** 

## **Remembrance Day observed**

The audience formed a circle surrounding the cenotaph to watch as 65 wreaths were laid in honour of fallen soldiers

from past wars "I think there has been more emphasis placed on Remembrance Day," Saracino

In addition to more emphasis being placed on remembering war heroes by different organization throughout the community, he said "the legion certainly has gone way beyond to let people know what Remembrance Day is all

about' "I'm just so impressed." During the ceremonies. Karmen Rutter recited a poem

she wrote from the perspective of a soldier. "Someday we'll come home to our nation's land. When that day comes, on Remembrance Day we'll stand," said Rutter, a member of the 79th Lynton

Davies Squadron air cadets. "For my friends that have gone, their memories will stay, and I will remember them on

Remembrance Day She was joined by local political leaders at the podium. who each shared their thoughts about the wars of the past and the sacrifices of veterans

"It's a day to remember all those in service past and present who put service above self," said Welland MP Malcolm Allen, "We should always remember that they chose to

serve us as a nation. "When one speaks of heroes, and there are many, the true heroes are the ones who didn't return," said Saracino, speaking on behalf of Welland MPP Cindy Forster. "They never returned because they fought and died for us."

Port Colborne regional Coun. Dave Barrick discussed the sacrifices of the Black Watch, a regiment celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The city's Mayor Vance Badawey thanked cadets who spent the night guarding over the cenotaph prior to the

"Your actions certify a community coming together to remember and to give appreciation to all of those who have

the perspective of a parent.

ceremonies.

ous to people like her grandin fact paid the ultimate sacrifather. Times have changed. fice, and once again certifies a "We have a much different community that walks together picture of it today. We know forever," he told the cadets. that entire generations have been lost," she said. And Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs discussed the warfare from

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■ REMEMBRANCE: Peaceful but sleepless night for about 17 cadets

## Cadets hold vigil for fallen soldiers

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - H.

H. Knoll Lakeview Park is a pretty quiet and relaxing place in the middle of the "It was just peaceful," said

Kaytlyn Loibl, a Flight Cpl. with the 79th Lynton Davies Squadron air cadets. "And we had a red light

shining on the cenotaph, so it was really cool," she added. Loibl was one of about 17 cadets from the local squadron who spent an almost sleepless night standing guard at the cenotaph, in preparation for Remembrance Day ceremonies held the next morning.

The cadets took turns standing at the four corners of the cenotaph for a half-hour at a time, as their way of honouring "the people who have died fighting for our country and our freedom," said Flight Cpl. Dan Smith.

"I have two young boys

aged 12 and nine, and I can't

imagine what it would have

been like to see them go off to

war. I wonder how my great

grandmother felt when my

grandfather went off to World

War 2," she said, recalling an

old photograph of her grand-

father dressed in his navy

"He looked so happy and

innocent. I know he told me

he was very excited to turn 18

At the time, she said war

may have seemed glamour-

uniform.

and enroll?

'It was fun until we got tired," added Flight Cpl. Brian Wright.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Chad DeMan from the Port Colborne sea cadets stands

Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Sunday

guard at the cenotaph in H. H. Knoll Lakeview Park during



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## portraits

CADETS

## **Standing guard**

"And then it got cold at around 2 a.m.," Loibl added And through their experience, they felt a little closer connection to the soldiers who fought in past wars.

"When we you're out there, you don't want to really complain because you think that the soldiers were in a lot worse situation," Loibl said. While Wright said the

cadets were kind of cold and tired, the soldiers were in the mud while enemy forces were firing guns and bombs at them RCSCC Renown sea cadet

Aaron Olm joined the air cadets for their overnight vigil. He said he decided to join the air cadets for the vigil because it sounded

"It was a once in a life time opportunity," he said, adding it helped remind him about the conditions the soldiers

faced during the wars. "They went through 100 times worse than what we were doing, and they still held

their ground. Loibl said she managed to get a little bit of sleep when she wasn't standing guard, but even then she said her sleep was disturbed by the sound of duck calls and the occasional shot gun blast from hunters out of the lake.

"Overall, although they rested last night, I don't think had more than a few hours sleep," said Cpt. Julie Sheppard.

another five years before Remembrance Day falls on a weekend again. And the cadets won't be able to hold another all night vigil until

then "We'd love to do it next vear, but Remembrance Day doesn't fall on a weekend. If it falls on a Saturday or Sunday

we can do this," she said. "Some of the kids will never do this again. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Katherine Kane, chairwoman of the squadron's sponsorship committee

Kane said she had a blast participating in the vigil.

"I was up all night, I didn't get a wink of sleep, but I really enjoyed it."

She said it will be allan,benner@sunmedia.ca



**DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo** 

Sea cadets from RCSCC Renown and air cadets from 79th Lynton Davies Squadron stood watch at the cenotaph in H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in Port Colborne from Saturday at 6 p.m. right through Remembrance Day ceremonies on Sunday. In back is sea cadet Aaron Olm and up front is air cadet Brian Wright.

#### I AKESHORE REMEMBERS







SUPPLIED PHOTOS Staff and students of Lakeshore Catholic High School gathered to honour the veterans of past and present for two Remembrance Day ceremonies. held Friday at the

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OURVIEW

## Community corner

#### CONGRATS TO CADETS

Last weekend a group of sea cadets and air cadets spent the night standing watch at the cenotaph at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

Air cadets from 79th Lynton Davies Squadron and sea cadets from RCSCC Renown took half-hour shifts starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday and carrying through Remembrance Day

ceremonies on Sunday It was the first time something like this had been done by cadets at the cenotaph and they, and their commanders,

should be commended for the vigil. And with Remembrance Day falling on a weekend, it made it easier for cadets to carry out the vigil. With the guards standing at the four corners of the

cenotaph, it was a way to honour those who gave their lives in the world wars, Korea, Afghanistan and served our

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said lone sea cadet Aaron Olm, adding it helped remind him about the conditions the soldiers faced during the wars. They went through 100 times worse than what we were

doing, and they still held their ground," We hope the cadets can make a tradition out of the vigil and keep the memory of those who gave alive.

#### WATER RATES

Seems Port Colborne residents use a lot of water. At least according to the rate increase the city will expect

Niagara Region is predicting water and sewer rates will rise by \$18 for the average homeowner next year, but in Port Colborne that increase will be \$75

It comes as the region begins balancing out its wastewater budget by charging municipalities when they use more sewer capacity than they asked for - and paying them back when they don't. Port Colborne will have to pay \$384,000 to

"If you use more, you pay more. If you use less, you get rebated," said Betty Matthews-Malone, the region's director of water and wastewater services.

We expect residents in the city to be outraged at the predicted increase and attack the region for it. But if more sewer capacity was used than asked for, then

who is to blame? Residents of Port Colborne? We know everyone feels water should be free, especially since we sit on Lake Erie, but it's not,

It costs money to build water treatment plants, water lines throughout the city, water intake lines and everything else needed to bring water to homes. Even if Port Colborne were to go it alone with water and

wastewater treatment, it would still cost residents. In fact, it would probably cost more than it does now.

COLUMN: I've been thinking

## The two great commandments

FATHER DAVID GRAHAM SCOTT St Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church

St Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan in 374. At this time he was a Roman Governor and only a catechumen in the Church. But the faithful laity demanded that he be the next bishop. After some hesitation, Ambrose accepted his acclamation, was baptized and ordained. In his sermon on St Luke 10. St Ambrose surprised me by saying that the sacrament of Christ's incarnation was proclaimed by the two Great Commandments, "You shall love the Lord your God" and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Now Luke 24 tells the story of the risen Jesus talking with Cleopas and companion on the road to Emmaus. The two companions sadly told him they had hoped that Jesus would redeem Israel, but that he had been

Iesus responded, "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?" He then began with Moses and all the prophets to expound the things in the Old

Testament Scriptures about himself Ambrose saw that the two Great Commandments from Moses (Deuteronomy 6 and Leviticus 19) proclaimed the incarnation of the Word of God because he understood the victim of Luke 10 to be fallen bumanity and the Good Samaritan to

he Christ himself For Christ had come down from beaven to heal and to care for a humanity stripped of the garment of faith, wounded by sin and robbed of Adamic blessedness by fallen angels Christ was neighbour to the human race as he rescued us who were halfdead in sin by dying on the cross and rising on the third day.

And so the second Great Commandment is calling us to love Christ our neighbour as ourselves. And in loving Christ God's only-begotten Son, we are also loving God himself with all our heart, soul and might

Of course we cannot stop here; we need to love our neighbour next door as well; we need to show mercy to the next needy person that we meet. Jesus explicitly told the lawyer who asked him how to inherit eternal life to go and show mercy as the Samaritan

did. What Jesus said to the lawyer then applies to everyone then and now.

My guess is that the lawyer went away wondering how a carpenter could come up with the idea that we had to show mercy to every needy person we might meet. How could a mere carpenter have such insight into his question who is my neighbour? And how could this carpenter expect

anyone to be so merciful all his life? But Christ did not simply issue a command and then leave us to do the impossible. Christ rose from the dead to share himself and the Holy Spirit with fallen humanity. Christ did this so that we might be organically connected to him through baptism and faith as bis Church, as the extension of his Incarnation. Connected to Christ and his Church,

we receive supernatural help. We are transformed through Word and Sacrament to become who we are by grace and to show mercy to the neighbour next door day by day. As we show mercy to the needy, we

can look forward to Christ's return in glory and to hear him say, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

#### **■ COLUMN**

## I've been thinking that freedom is costly

REV GORD ARRAHAM Port Colborne Baptist Church

reedom from oppression and tyranny can be taken for granted by many of us. We cannot forget what was sacrificed even if we have not experienced it personally. The motto, "Lest we forget" is a very brief but profound statement and challenge



Thank you Veterans and families for this sacrifice so we could be free. Never take this freedom lightly by thinking you are entitled to it and abusing it nor by naively thinking that it will be with us always."

The declining numbers of those who have been through the Great Wars of our modern era alone know what it is like to move into conflict where sacrifices have to be made. even when there is no emotional desire to do so. Because the numbers are on the wane, we must continue to remind each successive generation living all their lives in freedom what potential there is for the resurfacing of evil and also the preparedness to sacrifice for the freedom of others.

Many gave up sons, daughters, husbands, wives and material comforts for the sole purpose of keeping evil at bay and hopefully pushing it back to where it can be kept, at least, under some kind of control. So, it requires that we, of the younger generations, remember and never forget. Thank you Veterans and families for this sacrifice so we could be free. Never take this freedom lightly by thinking you are entitled

to it and abusing it nor by naively thinking that it will be with us always. There was a price paid by others and so we must never have amnesia regarding this sacrifice.

There is a parallel story that goes with our Annual Day of Remembrance.

For Christians, we choose regularly to remember the sacrifice that Iesus Christ made in becoming flesh and in his sinless death on the Roman cross. Though it is a 2000 year old historical event, it is recalled by a worldwide family of Jesus-Followers on a daily, weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. There must be no amnesia with this sacrifice either.

The sacrifice, made by Jesus, of giving up all God-rights is beyond anything we give up for others. It has an eternal, cosmic outcome. He, God, became a slave to others.

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#### I'VE BEEN THINKING

## Thanks to all who sacrifice

God then lowered himself further to become human flesh, and then he took upon himself the sin crime and death punishment of all those who would choose to humble themselves, confess their sin and acknowledge their need of a sin-substitute.

Paul the Apostle writes, "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to

God and died a criminal's death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8 NLT) Scriptures also say, "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ," (2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT).

On Remembrance Day, we specifically recall and say, "thankyou" to all those who sacrificed for our earthly freedom. We also remember King Jesus,

who gave his life for us all to be free, both now and forever. Because he gave up his sinless life in our place. God raised Him and set him above all kingdoms of humanity, with the promise that all evil will be finally defeated and all will be brought to rights. That is why Paul continues on writing, "Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," (Philippians 2:9-12 NIT'

Let us never forget!

#### COLOURING CONTEST WINNER



Lauryn Sadowski, a Grade 2 student at St. Therese School, won a colouring contest that was held as part of the Port Colborne Fire Prevention Week activities last month. Lauryn and her class were visited by Sparky and the on duty firefighters, treated to a pizza lunch and she received a gift bag with all sorts of goodies.

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### Jack Sloan: Port Colborne's Mach Buster

ovember is a time when we pause to remember those people who have served in the two World Wars, Korea and peacekeeping roles and thank them for their sacrifices for their

Another group of veterans were those who served in the period called the Cold War, and they deserve our attention.

One such person who lived in Port Colborne was Jack Sloan. Jack's story came to my attention while talking to Nancy Sloan, who serves as a volunteer at Port Colborne Historical and Marine Heritage Museum. After talking about veterans, she mentioned

that her late husband had served



in the RCAF in the late stages of the Second World War and in

Germany during the latter half of the 1950s. She was willing to bring some mementoes of his service to

share them with me and it is this material that is the basis for this column Jack's story begins in Oshawa

where he saw some Anson trainers flying in formation and decided

he wished to join the air force. He joined in 1943 and did his basic training in Quebec and Manitoba. While based in Manitoba his aircraft was involved in a mid-air collision with another plane, but luckily he survived.

He shipped out to Great Britain in 1944 and began training in multi-engine aircraft including Wellingtons and Lancasters, After 20 hours, his training on Lancs was cut short in February 1945 as the war in Europe was entering its final months.

Transfer to the Pacific to take part in the fight against Japan was cut short with the dropping of the atomic homb

After returning to Canada, Jack attended medical school but kept

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Port Colborne's Jack Sloan, pictured with a plane and form which attests to his inclusion in the Mach Busters Club. Sloan was one of many Canadians who served his country well and faithfully during the Cold War years.

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his available status in the air force reserves. Before leaving for Britain, he had married his first wife by sneaking out without permission while his buddies covered for him during roll call. But now he was finding it quite difficult to make ends meet.

As the Cold War intensified, the government saw a need to re-enlist service men from the reserves for the air force, lack welcomed this opportunity, for he would have a regular source of income In 1951 he returned to the

air force and was stationed at Trenton No. 6 Repair Depot. His work involved ferrying aircraft all over the United States as well as Canada. While preparing to move a twin

engine B-25 Mitchell bomber from California, he discovered after gaining some altitude that the propellers had not been properly set and the engines were vibrating violently. He turned off the engines.

banked the aircraft and returned to base without power. He felt that this event was as close as a plane could come to ending a pilot's life. By 1956, the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization command needed to bolster the air commitment against the Warsaw Pact so the call went out for 60 pilots to train in Canada's version of the F-86 Sabre at a base in Chatham, N.B.

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## Making us proud

#### FROM PAGE 6

In 1957 Jack joined an exclusive club called the Mach Busters. He had taken his aircraft beyond the speed of sound (750 mph). He received a diploma pictured here behind his photograph and a letter of commendation from the president of

Canadair Ltd. In Montreal When orders came through, Jack and his young family boarded an ocean liner to sail to Europe and his new assignment. Jack chuckled over the fact the accommodations en route were far better than on his first trip in 1943 with thousands of Canadian

troops. At this point it should be noted family accommodations near the base were not always the best. Even to this day military families do not enjoy housing and a lifestyle that ordinary families have in this country.

Canada deployed four air squadrons to Europe - two in France and two in Germany, Jack was stationed with 434 Squadron at Zweibrucken, Germany, where he ventured out regularly against Soviet Air force MiG 15s and 17s in the Cold War games played against the enemy. He was quoted as saying these missions were "good fun" but were stressful In his last year of deployment he

was responsible for flight control of Allied missions in that sector. Before leaving for home, he was presented with a silver statue of his beloved plane and a plaque noting his time of corvica

In 1960 after returning home, Jack was made resident staff officer at McGill University Commander Squadron. As his career came to a close, he was assigned to 429 Transport Squadron flying Buffalo aircraft.

Jack retired from the air force with the rank of captain at 46 years of age. Having lost his first wife, Jack met and married Nancy. He'd returned to school and became a chiropractor. operating a practice out of Port

Colborne and also Niagara Falls Although there is a great deal more that could be written, our servicemen at that time endured many hardships and much stress.

We were moving into a time where playing mental chess games with supersonic aircraft required split-second decision making Redeployment meant pulling up roots and abandoning friends because your services were required elsewhere.

That's the kind of soldier Jack Sloan was and people like him should be recognized for their service. They brought an element of professionalism to the security of this nation that should make us proud.

Terry Hughes is a local historian and retired school teacher.



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# Water rates will rise in 2013 — for most of us

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ST. CATHARINES — Expect your water rates to go up in 2013 — unless you're a lucky Grimsby or Pelham resident, that is. Niagara Region is predicting water

and sewer rates will rise by \$18 for the average homeowner next year. But the figures vary wildly across Niagara: In Grimsby, they're going to drop by \$28 and in Pelham they'll fall by \$8, while Port Colborne will see a whopping \$75 spike.

That comes as the region begins balancing out its wastewater budget by charging municipalities when they use more sewer capacity than they asked for — and paying them back when they don't.

"If you use more, you pay more. If you use less, you get rebated," said Betty Matthews-Malone, the region's director of water and wastewater services.

This year, five municipalities will have to pay up, with Port Colborne forking over the biggest slice of the ple at \$384,000. On the flip side, Welland is due for a \$281,000 rebate, highest among six municipalities expected to get cash back.

Wastewater processing was down in 2012, though, M a t t h e w s -Malone said. It dropped 18% all told, while water use was up. "It was dry. We

dry. We
didn't have
a lot of rain,
so we didn't
have a lot of
infiltration into
the system," she

said. Niagara's municipalities buy their 44

"If you use more, you pay more. If you use less, you get rebated."

Betty Matthews-Malone

water and wastewater capacity from the region. Only Wainfleet is not on the region's system.

The new rebate system means municipalities that overuse wastewater capacity will pay up, Matthews-Malone said.

"It's more pertinent to local municipalities because it affects their actual flows."

She said it's the first year the Region has gone with the system. The rates were among the items regional councillors got a look at during Thursday's budget

> The region's data also shows several Niagara municipalities paying higher water rates as a percentage of household income than many cities. Among the munici-

Among the municipalities compared, Fort Erie was tied with Gravenhurst, Ont., for the highest percenage, paying 2% of average household income for water

Colborne
seventh,
though both
scored 1.7%.
Grimsby,
meanwhile,
had the
ninth-lowest
percentage on
the list at just
0.5% of household

and sewers.

Welland ranked sixth

and Port

0.5% of income.

#### MOVEMBER AT DON CHERRY'S





Don Cherry's held a Movember kick-off party recently with staff members shaving off their beards

and moustaches. The goal was to get sponsors and grow back their moustaches for the month to raise funds for prostate cancer research. Left, general manager Rick Cole shaved off his beard and moustache, the first time since high school. Servers Ashley McDonald, above left, and Paige Ottaviano, took part in the night by donning fake moustaches. Also on hand were members of the Port Colborne Pirates junior B hockey team, restaurant staff and city councillors.

#### TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY



SUPPLIED PHOTO Riley Steele became the fifth generation member of the Steele family to work at C.M. Steele Insurance, which originally opened its doors for business in Port Colborne in 1898. The Port Colborne High School student spent the day at work with his dad, Bill, also a Port High graduate, during Take Our Kids to Work day last week.

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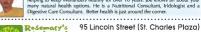
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■ ART: Madeline Fregren's work on display at Arts Place

## Sharing her passion for art

VICTORIA GRAY InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Madeline Fregren has spent her life sharing her passion for beauty with everyone who looked her way.

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I love the artistic circles here. They have always been so supportive."

Madeline Fregren

Her watercolour paintings hang in private and public collections all over Canada.

One still hangs in Edmonton's city hall.
She wants the community to know how
much she enjoys living surrounded by art
and other artists.
"I love the intellectual part of painting"
she said. "The total thought process that

to my hands and onto the canvas. I love the whole process."

Celebration of Life opened at Arts Place

Gallery on King St. in Port Colborne on Nov. 2 and will run until Christmas. An opening reception will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The show features 19 watercolour paintings that reflect Fregren's life and love or art through scenery and floral works. She was born in Edmonton Alberta and when she was 13 she enrolled in the Banff

School of Fine Art.

Fregren spent five summers falling in love with watercolour painting because she could just go climb a mountain, set up and paint.

"If was the ease of movement," she said.
"I loved spending afternoons starting into
the land painting. With oils you can't go —
it's too messy."
She attended the University of Alberta

on a scholarship and after she graduated she moved to Yellowknife and taught art. She moved to Port Colborne in 1978 and has had many exhibitions, taught for the Port Colborne Art Club and much more. "I love the artistic circles here," she said.



■ ARABELLA'S TEA ROOM: Preparing Christmas dessert

## Time to pack the pudding

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - For 31 years members of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum auxiliary have been making Christmas pudding for the Grand Old Christmas Festival.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6 a dozen women were inside Arabella's Tea Room, on the museum grounds, packing about 150 cans with the pudding in preparation for the festival and getting them ready for sale in the Carriage House.

Bonnie Johnston, one of the ladies making the pudding, said the women started on Monday by getting all of the ingredients ready, including measuring flour and spices for the 350 cans

they'll sell. It takes us three days to make them all. Today we're mixing in the eggs and flour," she said Tuesday, adding they'd be doing the same thing today.

Once all of the cans are packed, Iohnston said the ladies take them home and steam them for three hours

"I do four batches ... it takes about 12 hours.

The recipe for the Christmas pudding, which draws buyers from Niagara, Toronto and beyond, came from Lucy Woods, a founding member

of Arabella's Tea Room. "Getting the Christmas pudding has become a family tradition for some

people. They look forward to it." The pudding will be on sale Dec. 2 to 9 at the museum. The day of the Christmas festival, the pudding, sauce and a beverage will cost \$4 inside Arabella's, After that it will cost \$6 for the pudding and \$1 for the sauce. Arabella's will be open 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 to 8 for people who want to buy the pudding.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum auxiliary members, from left, Lyla Sebastiany, Betsy Fox and Bonnie Johnston pack cans with Christmas pudding for the Grand Old Christmas Festival



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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## Proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2012 To Establish Policies that Support the Welland Canal Cultural Heritage Landscape

#### PROPOSED CHANGE

The Welland Canal Cultural Heritage Landscape is the first identified Cultural Heritage Landscape in Niagara, stretching across the Towns, Townships and Clies adjacent to the first through Grunt Canals and the feeder canal. The amendment proposes an enabling policy framework to support and recognize the cultural heritage values of the Welland Canal, while continuing to support the operation of the Welland Canal for transportation purposes. The amendment does not propose changes to any of the maps within the Regional Policy Plan. The amendment is proposing to add new policies and objectives that support the Welland Canal Cultural Frienting amendment is proposing to add new policies and objectives that support the Welland Canal Cultural Frienting to the Company of the Company of the Company of the Company of the Welland Canal Cultural Frienting to the Company of the Compan

#### HAVE YOUR SAY Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at

the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. If you do not express your views through these avenues, you may be forfeiting your right to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

### This public meeting is being held under the provisions of Section 17 of the *Planning Act* at the following time and place:

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012

DATE: TIME: LOCATION:

1 p.m. Niagara Region Headquarters - Campbell West Council Chamber

2201 St. David's Rd. Thorold, ON

#### WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Acting Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 2201 St. David's Rd., P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, Ontario L2V 4T7, or email janet.pllon@niagararegion.ca.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Danielle De Fields, Senior Planner, by phone at 905-685-4225, ext. 3385, or email danielle.defields@niagararegion.ca.

A copy of the proposed Amendment and information and materials related to the Amendment are available for inspection in the integrated Community Planning Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and at www.niaggararegion.ca.

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#### **NEW EXHIBIT**

PORT COLBORKE — Art. of-Fact is a new exhibit that examines the War of 1812 through contemporary visual art installations at Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. The exhibit opening reception is Friday, Nov. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The arthyork of five different artists explores the connections between history, story-teilling, and art creation. Free admission. 280 Kins St.

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## New deal for nursing home workers

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI QMI Agency Niagara

THOROLD — An arbitrator has called Niagara Region's budgeting bluff in awarding nursing home workers wage and benefit increases worth more than

The actions of the region itself in negotiating other collective agreements indicate

that the region does have the ability to pay." arbitrator Robert J. Herman The award handed down in October will see members of CUPE Local 1263, which represents workers in the region's eight long-term care homes, receive a 4.22% raise over two years starting this year.

Though the region argued it can't afford the wage hike because of a bad economy, arbitrator Robert J. Herman begged to differ in his decision. "Comparator data for other

regions suggests that municipalities in these difficult times can still afford to pay increases, and the actions of the region itself in negotiating other collective agreements indicate that the region does have the ability to pay," he wrote.

He wrote that the region handed down similar settlements to its paramedics and service workers. Those increases, Herman wrote, "are

inconsistent with (the region's) claim that it is unable to pay any compensation increases for this bargaining unit."

The award was revealed Wednesday, Nov. 7 at regional council's corporate services committee.

committee.
"I'm very disappointed in the arbitration decision," said St. Catharines Coun. Bruce

Timms.

A regular critic of the arbitration process, Timms said the region put forth a good argument but the arbitrator didn't explain his decision

completely.

"He proved once again here
that his main concern was
comparables with others," he
said.

The union represents 1,020 full-time, part-time and casual health-care aides, registered practical nurses and other

employees at the region's longterm care homes. The new deal hands Local

1263 workers 1.85% wage increases retroactive to January 2012 and again in

2012 and again in January 2013. The rest of the increase is accounted for by benefit improve-

m e n t s , including life insurance for retirees up to age 70 rising to \$5,000 from \$2,000.

It's not clear what the increase means for the region's budgeting in 2013.

Calls to the union office were not returned Thursday night.

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MORE THAN THE WINTER RUIES

PORT COLBORNE — For some people, the shortening days of late auturnn are the beginning of a type of clinical depression that can last until spring. This condition is called Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. SAD can be a debilitating

condition, preventing sufferers from functioning normally. It may affect their personal and professional lives, and seriously limit their potential.

Research has estimated that up to 15% of the general population may suffer from a form of SAD. Symptoms can include a change in appetite with a craving for sweet or starchy foods, fatigue, decreased energy, avoidance of social situations, and feelings of anxiety or despari, it is important to learn about the symptoms, and to know that there is treatment to help ecopie with SAD live a productive life year-round. Bridges Community Health Centre is offering a workshop social so

The workshop will be led by our social worker, Len Dykstra, and will be held on Thursday, Nov. 22, 6 p.m. to 7:30pm, at 177 King St., Port Colborne. To register, please call Gail at 289-479-5017 X2421.



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## Major drug bust, investigations drive police costs

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI OMI Agency Niagara

THOROLD - It cost about \$350,000 in overtime pay for Niagara Regional Police to handle the massive Project Ink drug investigation, said Chief Jeff McGuire, as he defended budget overruns driven by extra hours

McGuire laid that out for regional councillors on Thursday, Nov. 8 as the service presented its 2013 fiscal plan to council's budget committee. Overtime costs are a major driver in taking the \$126-million NRP budget up to a 2.87% increase - 0.3% over

the target regional council asked for. But McGuire said overtime is up because officers have had a lot of major cases to investigate. Those include Project Ink, which busted a major international drug ring running

through Niagara. "Those are things that we can't turn our backs on, nor should we do

so," he said. "These are not the types of things that can be investigated on an eighthour day.

Councillors didn't vote on the budget Thursday, but the committee meeting was council's first chance to sound off on the budget. It forms

a major slice of the region's fiscal road map. McGuire said the police service is

trying to manage wages by leaving non-essential civilian jobs vacant when people get sick or go on vacation. But the NRP is on track for a \$1.1-million overtime budget overrun this year.

McGuire said that's largely due to major trial requirements and investigations

"Overtime dollars in policing, we manage as best we can and deal with them however we can," he said. But councillors still grilled the

chief over his first Niagara budget "The perception from a lot of the community is the crime rate has fallen for the past 10 years," said St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski. He suggested that could open the door to cutting staff.

"The crime rate is seen to be levelling off or going down. Why would the community, including myself, be misguided to think authorized strength could decrease?"

McGuire said the decline in crime is likely because the service has maintained its strength. It can have un to 704 officers on the beat, plus another 319 civiliane

"We feel we're at the level we require to provide adequate and effective policing," he said.

Thorold Mayor Ted Luciani praised the NRP for busting the "Three-hundred fifty thousand

dollars in overtime. To me, that's money well spent," he said. Niagara Falls Coun. Bart Maves said it's not clear what amounts to

adequate policing standards. "Everyone likes their police force and men and women and the services they provide," he said.

But, he said, when it comes to getting value for money, "I don't think most taxpayers feel that they are." McGuire said most people are

generally happy with their police

service. And, he said, police are tax-Less mentioned was a \$15-million price tag for a new voice radio

replace the aging Motorola system police now use.

And, he said, it's about more than ieff.bolichowski@sunmedia.ca

"It's important not to forget that "It's a mission-critical piece of that translates down to your safety, work," McGuire said earlier this for the public."



JULIE JOCSAK OMI Agency Niagara Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire explained his service's budget needs to regional council Thursday night.



## Wainfleet inspections could cost less

InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET - Lakeshore residents might get a break when it comes to paving for septic system inspections. Saturday, township councillors and Mayor April Jeffs met with about seven different consultants hoping to win a contract to conduct mandatory inspections of septic systems in

lakeshore

T h e township asked for proposals from private contractors. hoping to find a less expensive

way of resolving its problem

with leaking septic beds. Doing the work with township staff was expected to cost property owners about \$550 per

leffs said the meeting with contractors was "very informative." "There was a real variety of price ranges," she said. "They

tions from council.

were very comprehensive tenders and a lot of good quesseptic system inspections for

ranged from about \$76 per inspection to more than \$700. "The \$76 one was from a local company," Jeffs said. "They did a great presentation, but I don't know. We'll have

to see In addition to the mandatory inspections, she said two of the contractors also placed

But that work, she added, will likely continue to be conducted by township staff. "It may be more fiscally responsible to do it in house.

Following the presentations from the contractors, Jeffs said township staff was asked to prepare a report that will be of e-coli in ground water. bids on conducting regular presented at the Nov. 20 council meeting.

"I think we'll make our deci sion then," she said. That decision, she added, will likely be ratified a week

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## **Koats for Kids resumes in Port Colborne**

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Do you have a winter coat, hat, scarf or mittens you aren't using that are gently used? If you do, Port Cares is now accepting those items for its annual Koats for Kids

"We'll take whatever anyone wants to bring said Stefani Katulic Ducharme, family and com-

munity program co-ordinator at Port Cares. Boots are also accepted as part of the program, which Port Cares has been

running it since 2001. Items are needed for men, women and children

"We do need adult hats. mittens and scarves, we're always short on adult-sized

items. Katulic-Ducharme said items can be dropped at King St. in Port Colborne. "We prefer people drop off the items there," she

Starting Monday, Nov. 12, people who need the winter items can pick them up in the old Mamma Mia's Restaurant, 59 Clarence St., Lightheart's Cleaners, 388 behind the Royal Bank.

The Koats for Kids program runs from Nov. 12 to Dec. 14 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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#### DAVE IOHNSON InPort News

PORT COLBORNE - With Christmas season nearly upon us. Santa's Helpers Is again asking the community for its support of families in need in the lakeside city.

Santa's Helpers is an independent non-profit organization operated by volunteers with a single objective: to distribute food/vouchers and new toys and gifts to households registered through a central registry. Last year the Christmas

food and toy program was able to provide for approximately 370 registered households, said program co-ordinator Mieke Van Es.

Food, toys and monetary donations can be dropped at Santa's Helpers Depot

at Community Living, 100 McRae Ave., Port Colborne, from Dec. 3 to 20 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or at ReMax Realty, 503 Elm St., during office hours or call

Van Es said cheque donations should be made payable to Santa's Helpers 2012. They may be mailed to treasurer Lynn Goulet at 313 Clarence St., Port Colborne, L3K 3G9, or dropped at any financial institution in Port Colborne. Official receipts will be forwarded for all monetary

donations "We appeal to all citizens to share with one another in this special season." Van Es said. "We sincerely wish for everyone in the community to celebrate a happy Christmas."

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### Locals receive Order of Niagara for service to church, community

of Christ Church, Wainfleet.

InPort News Staff wider community (minor sports, community giving, WELLAND - Three area Christ's values of dignity and residents have been recogrespect in the workplace). nized by the Anglican Diocese and the diocese (solar energy of Niagara for service to church advice and help). and community

"Many people give excep-Presented with the Order of tional service in one or two Niagara were: Craig Stirtzinger, of these three areas. Few give Welland's city manager and such service in all three," said a member of Holy Trinity. Canon David Browning about Fonthill; Jim Venables, a

Stirtzinger member of St. David's, Welland; Nominated by the clergy of and Vivian Shoalts, a member Holy Trinity Fonthill, Stirtzinger was further supported by Peter Papp on behalf of the The award was conferred by Diocese of Niagara Bishop United Way of South Niagara, Michael Bird. The Service for raising the awareness and of Institution took place on motivation of City of Welland Sunday, Nov. 4, at Cathedral employees reaching record Place in Hamilton with more levels of contributions within than 600 people in attendance. the municipal sector annually Twenty-three people repsince 2009

resenting parishes between Papp stated, "Craig's con-Acton and Fort Erie were stant contribution, commitment to the overall community For Stirtzinger, the order is unberalded in the municipal expresses the Church's thanks sector. Moreover he has comand recognition for exceptional mitted his time, leadership service on three levels: the skills and resources without home parish (choir member hesitation and with humility and compassion." and people's warden), the



Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe

stated, "As our city manager,

Craig's focus is always posi-

tively promoting our commu-

nity and its assets. He is well-

respected and, equally impor-

tant, well-liked by city staff and

council. As mayor, I congratu-

late Craig on behalf of council

and the Welland community

on this significant honour of

Stirtzinger gave credit to his

wife, MaryJo, for her love and

encouragement, his mother

and sister for a lifetime of inspi-

ration, his family, his parish,

his workplace and the roughly

300 city-employee team it rep-

resents (giving special mention

recognition."







to his administrative assistant, Daniella Wright), as well as friends for enabling such a humbling personal honour to

be recognized. "I am privileged to live, work and play in a community that is so inspired." Venables, 89, is a founding

member of St. David's Anglican Church on Thorold Rd He remembers taking part in the first meeting to discuss construction of an Anglican church on the west side. That

was in 1948.

He said the building opened in 1952 and in 1967 had a and proud" to have been Christian education building chosen a recipient of the Order added on. of Niagara, but be also said.

Venables was a longtime "Don't make a big deal out of member of Holy Trinity Anglican in Fonthill before his

return to St. David's two years He put his plumbing and heating skills to good use for the parishes, looking after both buildings as needed, he said.

Venables said church life was important to him from an early age, crediting his mother for raising the family with her solid Christian values.He attended Sunday school as a child and said participating in it helped make him a better person as he moved on in life.

Venables still attends church faithfully. On Remembrance Day Sunday, he is scheduled to speak at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services at St. David's about his experiences in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. He spent three years at the huge military base at Goose Bay in Labrador. Venables is both "honoured

their communities.

Shoalts has always believed that if there's a job that needs

to be done she can do it. "I just want to be useful," she said. "It's just to be helpful - to do my bit. Everybody should do that

She said was very surprised to receive the honour because she has always just chugged along doing whatever needed to be done

She has served as the chaplain to the senate, the church rector, people's warden, warden of the altar guild, choir director and much more. The award isn't just given to those people who are active in their parisb - it's given to

those who do just as much for

Shoalts is a master gardener and writes a column for The Tribune during growing season, is a member of the Women's Institute Niagara and is a horticulture, rose and design judge for Port Colborne Horticultural

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